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Next Lyric Working Bee

is on SUNDAY
31st July 10am

At 13 Watson Rd,
Leongatha.

If you have something
to submit for the
Lyric Newsletter
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President's Message:

What a busy time we have had. Firstly I would like to say I apologise for not making a presidents report for some time. Our musical for this year Jekyll and Hyde is well under way and we can't wait to bring the production to you. The rehearsal period has been going since February and the cast, band and production crew have been working tirelessly to make this show one to remember.

Director Nathan Eva has been an inspiration to all. His fresh ideas and enthusiasm has been welcomed, challenging many of us. The cast is an experienced cast with Andrea Carcassi as J&H, Brodie Dorling as Lucy and Elizabeth Barry as Emma. We welcome them to Lyric for their first show. The chorus are just amazing with big singing numbers. The costumes for this show have been difficult to arrange as we are no longer in the 1800's. You will be amazed. The production team just excel in every way. We bumped in this weekend and I thank all who assisted on the day. The set looks amazing! I thank everyone involved in anyway. Make sure you book your tickets as this is not a show to miss.

Lyric received a grant from the shire to line the costume and sewing area. This will be an extremely hard job to do. I call on all Lyric members past and present, friends of lyric and anyone that can spare some time to assist us. There are mountains of costumes that need to be moved from the storage area, arranged and catalogued so we know what we have got. We hope to do this come August/ September.

The completion of this job will be greatly appreciated by all the sewers!!! If you can help please contact us. There will be information sheets available in the foyer at Jekyll & Hyde.

The committee has met with prospective directors for both musicals and plays for 2012 & 2013. Lyric received many applications, which was fantastic. We expect to have a decision made shortly as to what they will be so stay tuned!

Auditions for the Christmas show have just been held. Stay tuned for more on the Christmas show in the July/August Newsletters! Lyric has also received expressions of interest from new venues wishing to hold the show. More Exciting news on the way - see you at the show !

Jekyll & Hyde - Article Courtesy of Barb Fleming (Lyric Advertising)

Lyric Theatre's forthcoming production of "Jekyll and Hyde" is based on the fascinating story by R. L. Stevenson (who also wrote "Treasure Island" and "Kidnapped"). Dr. Henry Jekyll is in search of the duality of man's personality and believes there is both good and evil in all of us and that they can be separated. In the absence of any approved volunteers, Jekyll is forced to test his theory on himself using various combinations of laboratory concoctions. As he consumes his first potion he sings the standout hit "This Is The Moment".

This show has created much interest far and wide, several of the cast extending from South Gippsland, the Latrobe Valley and Melbourne have combined with talented cast from Leongatha. Lyric Theatre has been fortunate to procure this show as it has been performed only twice before in Victoria.

There is a wealth of talent in "Jekyll and Hyde" in all facets of the production and by July 15th it will be bursting into opening night. Tickets will be available to the public from the 28th of June from Mushroom Crafts in Leongatha. Box Office phone is 5662 3940. Don't miss out on this fabulous production.

Lyric Theatre is very excited at having Andrea Carcassi to play the dual roles of Henry Jekyll and Edward Hyde in their musical production of "Jekyll and Hyde" being staged in July.

Since studying his craft and making his professional debut in 2008, Andrea has been actively singing with opera companies in Australia and in addition in many productions, both here and in Europe,.

Andrea has had a very busy year thus far and with more operatic work to follow Lyric's show before the year is out. The company is delighted and privileged to have Andrea in "Jekyll and Hyde".

By contrast, in "Jekyll and Hyde", Brodie plays the alluring Lucy Harris, a lady of the night.

Brodie says 'It will be exciting and rewarding to play opposite a singer and actor of the calibre of Andrea'.

Andrea's leading lady in the production, Brodie Dorling, is a very talented nineteen year old actress and singer from Latrobe Valley. Brodie's most recent role was that of Maria in "The Sound of Music" in the Latrobe valley.



Photo: Courtesy of Michael Mason

Lyric archive clean-up uncovers exciting find

During the past couple of months, Lyric archivist, David Tattersall, has been spending several hours a week sorting and tidying up the Lyric archive collection. This work is not yet complete, but the archives are now in the most organised state they have ever been, and much duplicated material has been discarded.

The archives include scripts and scores of most shows Lyric has produced (including several written by Lyric members), set and costume designs for many shows, many hundreds (possibly thousands) of photographs dating back to the early years of the group, and audio and video tape recordings of quite a number of shows from the early years. These recordings include a video recording on Sony reel-to-reel videotape (pre-video cassette) of *My Fair Lady* in 1978. This was quite an exciting find, but having found it, what can we do with it?

Does anyone know of any company or individual that can transfer Sony Helical Scan Reel-to-reel Video Tape onto DVD? Please email us if you have any suggestions!

From the Archives! The year 1991

In March the committee moved that Lyric Theatre purchase an aluminium forestage. The following month the new forestage was ordered at a cost of \$5,700, and the old wooden one was wrecked. This wooden forestage had been made for *The Music Man* in 1971, and had extensions made later when *My Fair Lady* was produced in 1978. Constructed of oregon with a particle board deck, it had served Lyric for almost every production in Mesley Hall since 1971..

Another snippet taken from the Lyric history, "*The Roar of The Greasepaint*".

What's Coming Up!

- **Now Running - Heroes - FAMDA 17th - 25th June**
- **Murder Mystery Night - MADS - 25th June, Meeniyan Hotel**
- **Jekyll & Hyde - Lyric Theatre, July 15-30, Mesley Hall
Nereena Rd, Leongatha.**
- **Minefields & Miniskirts - Wonthaggi Theatre Group,
August 19th - 27th**

